



## COMMISSION ON AGING

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### COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

Minutes  
April 20, 2015

**PRESIDING:** Peter Brunner, Chair

#### **Members Attending**

Angela Boyter  
Roxanne Farrar  
Deborah Fleischmann  
Susan Hailman  
Jan Horan  
Julia Mattis  
Bob McLaughlin  
Ted Meyerson  
Andrew Monjan  
Eletta Morse  
Sharonlee Vogel  
Laureen Wylie

#### **Not Present**

Barbara Catlin  
Carolyn Rimes  
S.K. Shin

#### **Office on Aging**

Peggy Hoffman  
Jackie Scott

#### **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

#### **Approve Agenda**

Pete Brunner requested that the Legislative Breakfast be deleted from the agenda as the discussion was concluded at March's meeting. Sharonlee Vogel moved to accept the amended agenda and Andrew Monjan seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Agenda accepted.*

#### **Approve Minutes**

Sharonlee Vogel moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Angie Boyter seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Minutes accepted.*

#### **Office on Aging Report**

##### **Master Plan**

Jackie Scott reported that the draft of the Master Plan was expected to be submitted to the County Executive this week. In addition, the contractor is working with Department staff to create three appendices which will function as stand-alone documents and will cover the work completed by KGRW (the community survey and data collection), a facilities report, and a comprehensive list of Office on Aging programs/services provided.

Following review by the County Executive, the Plan will be presented to the working group, advisory committee, and the commission prior to its public release. The goal will be to release the plan in May.

### **Healthy Aging Workgroup**

Peggy Hoffman provided an update on the Local Health Improvement Coalition's (LHIC) plan to create an Healthy Aging Workgroup. Staff from the Office on Aging met with Healthy Howard to discuss formation of the group. It was agreed that the group would be formed following the completion of the Office on Aging's Master Planning process.

### **Budget Update**

Jackie Scott provided a budget update for the Department. The budget is being presented to the County Council tonight and will be available online after the presentation. All departments are facing a 5% cut for both the remainder of FY15 and FY16. While no currently filled positions will be cut in the Department, several vacant positions have been frozen. The administrator position within the Office on Aging is funded in the FY16 budget, but the position is currently frozen.

### **Area Plan**

Peggy Hoffman provided a brief overview of the Older Americans Act and the programs it covers for the Office on Aging. The Commission was asked to provide feedback via email on how the Office performs on the Older Americans Act funded programs and any gaps in service that are apparent.

### **Formation of a Legislative Committee**

Bob McLaughlin provided an update on the Legislative Affairs Committee. The Committee has reached out to the County Executive and will be meeting with him on April 27. The Committee will focus their meeting on the white paper, transition team report, and plans for a department of aging, as well as ways the Commission can help move these items forward.

Bob also raised the idea of changing the committee name from the Legislative Committee to the Governmental Affairs Committee as this name seemed more reflective of the committee's role. The Commission was in favor of this change and the name was changed to the Governmental Affairs Committee.

### **MDCOA Report**

Sharonlee Vogel reported that area plans are due back to MDOA in May.

The MDCOA will hold their training summit on September 24 at Chesapeake College. The summit will focus on Maryland Access Point (MAP), care management and will offer an update on local villages.

### **Senior Housing Options**

Eletta Morse and Sharonlee Vogel prepared a handout on the senior housing options available. Discussion included resources for finding licensed assisted living facilities and CCRCs as well as the differences among CCRCs.

The group will present more information at May's meeting. So far, two next steps have been recommended; create/revamp the Office on Aging website to include a decision tree on living options for seniors and have a navigator to help people make decisions as the amount of information is overwhelming.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

On Tuesday, April 28 the Village in Howard will hold a fundraiser at Union Jacks in Columbia; the restaurant will donate 15% of purchases to the Village. You must a present the flier to participate.

**Adjournment**

Sharonlee Vogel motioned to adjourn. Eletta Morse seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Rittenhouse

Next Meeting: May 18, 2015, Ellicott City Senior Center Annex, 7pm